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TITLE OF INVENTION ULTRA-THIN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE MEMBRANE

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/209,932

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
Blaine R. Copenheaver

Group Art Unit  
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/20/00.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 99-143, 172-179 and 249-255 (renumbered as claims 1-60).

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Rutt on January 4, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel non-elected claims 144-171 and 180-188.

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on September 20, 2000 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 5,599,614 and U.S. Patent No. 5,547,551 and any patents that may be granted from U.S. Serial Nos. 09/137,515 and 09542,864 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded. It is noted that the Associate Power of Attorney filed on December 13, 2000 listed attorney Steven Rutt as having Power of Attorney in this application.

4. New formal drawings are required in this application because, while the applicant states that the drawings submitted with the filing of this application are formal drawings, it is clear that they are not proper formal drawings because of the following reasons: (1) Figures 1-4 contain handwritten reference numbers and Figure label numbers; (2) the top margin on sheet 2 (Figures 3 and 4) is not proper; and (3) the micrographs of Figures 3 and 4 are illegible because they appear

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to simply be a photocopy of the original micrographs. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blaine R. Copenheaver whose telephone number is (703) 308-1261. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 6:30 AM-4:00 PM and on alternating Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Terrel H. Morris, can be reached at (703) 308-2414. The fax numbers for Technology Center 1700 are (703) 305-7718 and (703) 305-3601.



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January 7, 2001